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NOTICE OF APPEAL FROM THE EXAMINER  
TO THE BOARD OF PATENT APPEALS AND INTERFERENCES  
Under 37 C.F.R. §1.191

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Dear Sir:

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.191, Applicants hereby appeal to the Board of Appeals and Interferences from the final rejection of claims 1-17 of the above-referenced application, as set forth in the Office Action mailed November 18, 2004.

Please charge Deposit Account Number 50-1038 the amount of \$300.00 to cover the required fee for filing this Notice of Appeal as set forth in 37 C.F.R. §1.17(b).

Also enclosed is a Petition for a one month extension of time to respond to the final rejection, extending the period of response from February 18, 2004 to March 18, 2004. Deposit Account Number 50-1038 is being charged the amount of \$110.00 to cover the required extension fee for a large entity.

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